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1. A committee consisting of representatives of the Ministry of Industry, of the Main Department Coal, and of various other coal administration agencies was established in June 1950 and was assigned the job of investigating the possibilities of increasing coal production. * This examination revealed that the daily production of 8,520 tons of coal in June 1950 can be increased to a daily production of 12,590 tons of coal in 1951 and 12,650 tons in 1952 if an appropriate expansion and reorganization of the Zwickau coal mines is achieved. The bad condition of the dressing plants and of the mine signal installations as well as the lack of emergency haulage cables are considered to be especially critical. Also 1,813 mine cars are missing, not to mention the old cars whose replacement is urgently needed. It will also be necessary to increase steam generation by expanding the boiler installations and to increase power generation by establishing an additional turbo generator. The power supply between the Oelsnitz (M 51/K 11) and Zwickau (N 51/K 34) coal districts must be secured by the construction of a special high-tension line. Thus, the production quota cannot be reached without considerable investment. **

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* [REDACTED] Comment: It has been previously reported that coal production has been continuously falling 10 to 20 percent behind the planned figures in 1949 and in 1950. See [REDACTED]

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** [REDACTED] Comment: A coal production of 3.3 million tons is provided in the Soviet Zone 1950 production schedule, and of 4 million tons in the 1951 schedule. A total of about 4.3 million tons of coal could be produced in 1951 if the existing mine capacities were fully used.

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